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American Living In Red China Sues U.S. Post Office

An American living in Communist China has asked the U.S. District Court here to prevent the U.S. Post Office Department from blocking delivery of a newsletter he publishes in Peking.

The complaint was filed by attorneys representing Robert F. Williams, formerly of Monroe, N.C. He went to Cuba in 1961 and to China in 1966. He describes himself as chairman-in-exile of the Revolutionary Action Movement, a militant Negro organization.

Williams edits and publishes the Crusader, which has urged American servicemen to "murder fellow soldiers and engage in sedition," according to Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien, the defendant in the suit. O'Brien said the newsletter also has advocated violence in American cities.

The publication has been withheld from the American mails since last May, based on federal statutes dealing with the mailing of seditious, treasonous or crime-inciting material.

Attorneys of the American Civil Liberties Union contend that the application of these laws are unconstitutional. They requested the convening of a special three-judge panel to hear their challenge.

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